

should focus on the merits of the proposal, alternatives, and the nature and scope of environmental issues and other concerns that need to be assessed in the EIS. During the meetings, the Air Force will describe the proposed action and no-action alternative, define the process involved in preparing the EIS, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process. The scoping period for the F-22 Permanent Beddown at Nellis AFB EIS, will extend through September 30, 1997.

Written and oral comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings and at any time during the scoping period for the F-22 Beddown Nellis AFB EIS. To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by September 30, 1997. F-22 Aircraft Beddown, Nellis Air Force Base, NV, EIS, HQ AFCEE/ECP, 3207 North Road, Brooks Air Force Base, TX 78235-5363, Phone: (210) 536-6544, FAX (210) 536-3890.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers; Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Feasibility Study, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the proposed flood protection study within the Thousand Palms area of the Coachella Valley. The area to be studied extends from Long Canyon to Indio, and from the Indio, and from the Interstate-10 Freeway to the Indio Hills. The purpose of the proposal is to identify measures that will provide flood protection of the FEMA flood hazard zone and flood plain. Secondary objectives include: consideration of environmental opportunities to enhance the viability of the Coachella Valley Preserve (an endangered species preserve); and development of coincidental recreation opportunities

along project rights-of-way. Alternative measures include detention basins, channels, and, or, levees to control runoff from the Indio Hills, as well as a no action alternative. The EIS will analyze potential impacts on the environment of a range of alternatives, including the recommended plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hayley Lovan, Project Environmental Coordinator, (213) 452-3863, or Mr. Brian Whelan, Study Manager, (213) 452-3795.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed flood protection measures within the Thousand Palms area. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

Scoping

a. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a scoping meeting prior to preparing the EIS to aid in determination of significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that could be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

b. A public scoping meeting will be held in the community of Thousand Palms the week of August 5, 1997, concurrent with a public workshop. The location, date, and time of the public scoping meeting will be announced in the local news media. A separate notice of this meeting will be sent to all parties on the study mailing list.

c. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the environment or socioeconomic impacts by attending the public scoping meeting. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements should be sent to Hayley Lovan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, ATTN: CESPL-PD-RQ.

Availability of the Draft EIS

The draft EIS is scheduled to be published and circulated in December, 1998, and a public hearing to receive

comments on the Draft EIS will be held after it is published.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Childrens Hospital Los Angeles

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 4,710,472 entitled "Magnetic Separation Device," issued December 1, 1987.

Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed